

Minutes from the WeCAN Meeting held at Westfield City Hall Assembly Room on  
August 28, 2012 at 7 pm.

Disclaimer: I hope you will find these notes helpful. They are not a complete representation of the meeting, but rather the highlights of topics discussed. Feel free to contact Carrie or Derek at Westfield City Hall: [communications@westfield.in.gov](mailto:communications@westfield.in.gov) or (317) 804-3001 if you have any questions.

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Agenda

- I. Ed Sikora and Matt Braun - Friends of Westfield Bark Park
- II. Steve Henke – Grand Park and Grand Park Village
- III. Conclude



**I. Ed Sikor and Matt Braun – Friend of Westfield Bark Park**

Ed and Matt presented the video that was prepared for the Pet Safe Bark Park competition. Westfield finished out of the top three. They reviewed the proposed layout of the 30 acre park which has a large pond and four fenced dog areas, two areas for small dogs and two areas for large dogs. The park is near Maple Glen School with borders of Ditch Road, 169th Street, 171st Street and Sonoma sub-division. There will be a fee charged to use the Bark Park and proof of current dog shots will be required. Entrance to the Bark Park would likely be via a card that activates the locked gate.

According to Melody Jones, Parks Director, the long term plan is to eventually have a shelter and restroom added to the grounds.

The goal of the Friends of Westfield Bark Park Committee is to “raise awareness” of the Dog Park and to raise money to build the Park. The Committee meets the last Thursday of the month at the City Services Center from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. The committee welcomes others to join their meetings.

Committee chair contact: Ed Sikora – eds801@aol.com or Matt Braun – mbraun03@gmail.com

Question: Will the Park pay for itself. Answer: Yes.

**II. Steve Henke – Grand Park and Grand Park Village**

Steve Henke reviewed the overview of the 325 acres planned for Grand Park. Grand Park borders are Spring Mill Road, 186th Street, 191st Street and Wheeler Road/Monon Trail. The Park will have 6 miles of trails in addition to the, 26 baseball fields and 32 soccer fields. The two anchors for Grand Park are Indiana Soccer and the Indiana Bulls. Indiana Soccer will arrange tournaments for soccer, rugby, field hockey, football and Lacrosse while Indiana Bulls will handle baseball tournaments.

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Maintenance of the fields will be handled by Indiana Soccer. The City will maintain the common areas.

Local Westfield Soccer teams (WYSA) and adult soccer teams will be able to use the Grand Park soccer fields at the same rate that they are presently paying for soccer fields used at this time.

The City of Westfield has all vendor rights and sponsorship rights for Grand Park.

The goal of the Park is to bring economic development to Westfield. It is expected that on tournament weekends there could be as many as 3,000 – 6,000 tourists visiting our community.

Question: Where will hotels be built?

Answer:

1. Two or three hotels are interested in the Northwest corner of Hay31 and Hwy 32.
2. Grand Park Village
3. Northwest corner of 191st Street

Question: Grand Junction downtown needs drainage what is planned?

Answer: Grand Park ponds will help with Grand Junction drainage.

Question: How is the City getting information out to the community about the how big Grand Park will be for tournaments, lots of tourists, possible Bugle competition? Suggest better communication with the citizens of Westfield.

Answer: Mr. Henke plans to work with the Current to get a big cover article printed.

Suggestion: Entertain having Disc Golf tournaments. Tournaments are big and popular.

Response: Another good option to entertain.

Suggestion: Need to expand embellish Grand Park on website – so HOA's can get out more detailed information.

Response: Yes, that is being worked on.

Question: Is anything developing with the YMCA coming to Grand Park?

Answer: Yes, Mr. Henke is speaking weekly with YMCA. It is likely that they would connect their building with the 3 indoor soccer fields.

Question: Do you have time lines for Grand Park?

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Answer: Do date, 1.2 million yards of dirt have been moved, infrastructure is in, and ball fields are emerging and taking shape. Fall of next year 2013 will see initial game play. Full tournament play will be spring of 2014.

Steve Henke – Grand Park Village

Steve Henke Development is proposing to develop land on the southeast side of Grand Park. This area is to be known as Grand Park Village. The architecture will be Cape Cod style buildings.

This acreage is planned to have activities that will draw tourists and local families to have fun and to play. Activities such as a 36-hole miniature golf, bowling alley, beach volleyball, bike shop with bike/cross country ski rental. This area will have a 20 acre pond with a beach, a board walk, and possibly a mini marina for no motor activities like kayaks, peddle boats, sail boats and remote boats. The trails will encourage tourists to visit Grand Junction as well.

Suggestion: Put in 6-8 sand volleyball courts. Sand gives a great training workout for volleyball players. Clubs would gladly pay to use the sand courts for practice.

Response: That certainly is another option to include in the Village

Question: When will Grand Park Village be completed?

Answer: 2014-2015 Village should be done.

Question: You mentioned having a shuttle system. Can you define what you mean?

Answer: The Grand Village may use peddle taxi's to get tourist to and from Grand Junction. Yes, Westfield residents may also use the pedal taxis to travel between Grand Junction and Grand Park.

Question: Had the City considered videotaping this type of meeting (HOA informational Meeting on Grand Park and Grand Village) so it could be put on "U-tube"?

Answer: Betsy Henke responded that she has been in touch with Carrie Cason, Director of Communications for the City to possibly get a video on the City's website.

Suggestion: An RV Park is needed, one that would be close to Grand Park.

Response: That is very on target and a great idea. This is a challenge to the community to find an outside entity that would introduce and create an RV Park.

#### **IV. Conclude**

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Councilman John Dippel announced that the next WeCAN meeting, September 25<sup>th</sup>, would be dedicated to a presentation on the future of Westfield Utilities and the potential sale of the utility assets. He encouraged all WeCAN members to attend and to bring others.

The next WeCAN meeting is on **Tuesday, September 25th, at 7pm** at the City Hall Assembly Room.

If you have any topic suggestions or issues that you have questions on, please don't hesitate to contact us at [communications@westfield.in.gov](mailto:communications@westfield.in.gov).

For updated announcements and information from the past meetings, please visit the WeCAN Website: <http://sites.google.com/site/wecaninformation/>